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He is 52, from Yambel, an active Communist who emigrated to the USSR during 1923. Lt Emriste Maney is in charge of the recommaissance or intelligence section. He is a Communist, about 40 years ald and a former partisan. The ald soldiers in the podelenie are separated from the young ones. Assumition is given to the ald soldiers while the young ones are being trained.

- 6. Four of the companies with young troops are infantry units. The pedelenie is equipped with light MG=42 and MG=34 machine guns, heavy Maksim Sekelov machine guns, Seviet submachine guns with 72 rounds, carbines, hand grenades, etc. The eld seldiers are divided as follows: 20 machine gunners, 20 engineers, 20 marter men, 10=15 drivers, three to five keepers of military dogs, 10 telephone operators, 18 telegraph operators. Also frontier troops are here, mostly those who have been punished at their duty places. They are assigned to the pedelenie for work and discipline.
- 7. The entire area surrounding the barracks of the pedelenie has trenches which are 100 m from the barracks. The main trenches are connected with the barracks by means of underground trenches. The epen trenches are for firing and are .80 m while so that two soldiers may pass each other confertably while walking in eppesite directions. Secret passages in the trenches are dug from inside. The trenches are constantly maintained in good shape and in readiness. In the barracks area there is a mine storage depot, located on the left angle of the barracks facing the frontier. Another mine storage depot or dump is located on the right of the Malko Turnevo Burgas read.
- 8. The Malke Turneve-Lemengrad read is mined with antitank mines which are 300 m. from the frontier. The barracks of the sester are near the city, one air km from the frontier. On the ground they are further away from the frontier because the terrain is hilly. All bridges on the Malke Turneve-Burgas and Malke Turneve-Lorengrad reads are so prepared that they can be blown up. On the highway to the frontier at inaccessible places, on the sides of the read itself there are little holes into which at a given moment explosives can be placed. Rocks can be blown up so that they fall on the highway as antitank obstacles.
- 9. The pedelenie is armed with the same weapons as the Kommandatura, which is at the headquarters of the pedelenie. The following kommandaturas are in this frontier sector. The kommandatura in Malko Turnovo, in Kosti, in Zvezdets, in Bela Tsurkza /sig/. The Kommandatura in Malko Turnovo is located in the barracks of the headquarters of the pedelenie. It has 200 ald soldiers and four infantry companies with young seldiers, probably recruits. Senior Lt Stoychev is the commander of the kommandatura, about 45 years old, very exacting and severe both as a man and as an officer. It Georgies is a political commander. He is about 30 years old, comes from D.braja and treats the soldiers badly. The kommandatura has many master sergeants (starshina seltsebel) and other non-commissioned efficers who are in charge of special groups such as machine gun and morter groups. The kommandatura has 10 heavy Maksim Scholov machine guns, and about 15 light MG-34 machine guns. Each seldier has a Manualicher rifle or a Seviet carbine. There are several carbines and rifles in reserve. The kommandatura has four mortars, one radio station, telephone apparatus, hand groundes, mines, three well—trained dogs for use agained illegal border crossers.
- 10. There are four frontier posts (granichmi post). Each post has a special name, a commander and deputy commander, who are usually junior lieutements or senior lieutements but can also be master sergeants or other non-coms. Each post has 40-80 selders. A frontier seldier (granichen voynik) has the following weapons: A rifle or an autematic weapon, two hand gremades, one hundred cartridges, a telescope or binoculars, etc. Frontier troops are allowed to have on their persons reckets, signal devices, in case of emergency. They also have belephones to keep contact with the post and with the sastava.
- 11. During 1951 trudewaks began to build fortifications eround the posts at the border. These are mainly bunkers with a diameter of eight meters fitted with six to 10 holes for shooting. The posts are connected with the bunkers by means of an underground secret passage. Each post is in charge of the area up to 10 km from the border, depending on the terrain Approved For Release 20021071221171344 PDP80-00926A007600470001-8

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Barbed wire is around many of the pests, as it is around the pest which is just below Malko Turnovo. Here the barbed wire is in five rows, but a coessible places.

- 12. The kommandatura in Kasti is 25 km from Malko Turnovo, on the road to Rezovo and 20 km from the border. The kommandatura is boused in new barracks built during 1951 at the end of the village. It has 200 seldiers, armed like the other kommandaturas in the Malko Turnovo area. The limits of this kommandatura begin at Malko Turnovo and go as far as Rezovo. At Rezovo the Burgas sector begins. This kommandatura has four to five frontier posts on the frontier line itself. There are no populated places here. Minefields are in certain places as is barbed wire but it cannot be stated exactly where.
- 13. The kommandatura in Zaczieta is 20 km from Malke Turnove towards the interior of Bulgaria and eight km from the frontier. The highway Malke Turnove Burgas goes through the team of Zaczdeta. The kommandatura is the same size as the previous kommandaturas. It has summer barracks and there are also barracks for the training of recruits. The troops which live in these barracks work on fortification of the frontier, but there are also labor troops (trudovaks) who work along the entire frontier sector of Malke Turnove. This kommandatura has four frontier posts one south of Zaczdeta, a second on the right of Zaczdeta, the third another of Belevren, and the fourth south of Granichar. The hills between Granichar and Belevren are called Gelyana Mechka. Minefields are laid on these hills with \$-35 antipersonnel mines. At other accessible points within the kommandatura area are barbed wire networks.
- 14. The kommandature in Bela Tsurkza is the farthest in Malko Turnovo. Bela Tsurkza is 10 km from the frontier. This kommandature resembles all the others mentioned previously.
- 15. A special type of troops called Chekisti are along the frontier. One battalion consisting of three companies is stationed now in Belogradchik, where the second frontier sector (granichen sektor) is now stationed. This second granichen sector has been remained ctryad. These troops (the chekisti) are here for security purposes along the frontier and in the interior of Bulgaria. They are under the administration of the Ministry of Interior (State Security). Their uniforms are green and the caps have red piping. The chekists have unlimited authority over the "enemy of the people" and those who hide them. They are always armed with pistols but during their duty hours they have automatic weapons, hand granades, rockets, and bineculars.
- 16. Special labor troops along the border clean up the terrain around the frontier lines of ferests, stumps, and other road obstacles. This is to assume absolutely clear vision in the frontier area. These labor troops are not permanently stationed here. They receive their supplies from the kommandatures or possessions in which they work at the time.

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